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WILSON AGREES TO MEET RAIL CHIEFS TO-DAY

Roads' War Board to Enter Formal Protest Against Federal Operation.

THEN WILL OFFER AID

Aim Is to Obtain Plan That Will Protect In-

vestors.

ENGLISH STEP FAVORED

Pre-War Year Basis Would Give Roads 5.8 Per Cent. Return.

Special Despatch to THE SCN. WASHINGTON, Det 11.-President Wilson has an appointment to meet members of the Railroads War Board at the White House at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon. The appointment was made to-day at the solicitation of the railroad executives and upon the meeting may linge the future of the railroads.

White House to-day the President sent out word that he had the railroad prob-

The best information the railroad men have is that it will be several days be-fore the President completes his message on the subject. That he will ask Con-

nembers of the Railroad War Board, of having been invited to go over the intion with Mr. Wilson called up the White House and asked that the oppor-tunity be given them to discuss the mat-ter with the President. The members of this board are Fairfax Harrison. Howard Elliott, Hale Holden, Julius Kruttschnitt and Samuel Rea. Commissioner Clark of the Interstate

The members of the board are not point to the White House in a bellig-nature of their deliberations. The rall-nature of their deliberations. The rall-nature of their deliberations, repair way bellermakers, machinists, repair way bellermakers, machinists, repair men and others were represented at the point to offer their hearty and thorough men and others were represented at the may have to pay for the aid given by their more powerful allies." operation in the carrying out of any an which the President may feel is in ortherance of the main object of all at

ontrol of the roads passing from the tands of their present managers. The anage their own property in this emertotage of this meeting to tell the

To Offer Their Services. faving made this protest they will

tell him of their desire to do all tress upon the fact that they are in 60 000 worth of property invested in the utinays and that naturally they feel afforded the owners of their prop-They would prefer-and this Government would not disturb the

The ratiroad heads in the conferences s the day went over various plans glish plan of Government contro This plan they will advocate be-

he English plan were followed so which presumably would be the war year for American roads, the in was 5.8 per cent. on the cost of and equipment, placed at \$17,508,oco. But in 1915 it was only 4.9 morning. hat if a three year average were taken t would include two bad years and may one good year. A four year aver-ille, however, would include the good of 1913, when the return was 5.12 \$70,000,000 GIVEN BY

GERMANY HIDES DISASTER.

Destruction of 54 Acre Chemical

Lenton, Dec. 11.—Destruction of the sreat Gricaheim Chemical Works at Prankfort-on-Main last month by an explorton was a tremendous disaster for

Submarine's Captive Spoke German Tongue

By the Associated Press. MERICAN NAVAL BASE IN BRITISH WATERS, Dec. 11.—The American who was taken prisoner by the crew of the German submarine which torpedoed the United States destroyer Jacob Jones spoke German, according to survivors. He was on a raft and when hailed by the Germans replied to them in their native tongue.

Thereupon several of the men on the U-boat lifted him into the conning tower. Then the boat was submerged.

GENERALSTRIKE FOR TWIN CITIES

All Union Men in St. Paul and Minneapolis to Quit Work To-merrow.

Federal Officials Refuse to Act Before Workers Go Out.

Special Despatch to THE SUN 8r. Paul, Minn., Dec. 11 .- Organized A long session of the Cabinet was labor will cease operations at 10 o'clock held to-day, but at its conclusion no more information was forthcoming to indicate to the railroad presidents who are here the details of the plan for the close of a long conference at Trades are section of the buttlefront in Alsace. Government control of the roads the and Labor Itali to-day. The executive and there was similar activity in Italy committee, representing many branches of both sides of the Brenta River and along the lower Place. All this is constructed in the morrow, it was announced. Gov. Burnstrued here to emphasize the need for morrow, it was announced. Gov. Burnquist to-day announced his refusal to reopen the steet rallway labor controism under "the, most careful scrutiny versy at the request of Samuel Gompers, and consideration" and that if he should president of the American Federation of conclude that a change from the present Labor. Gompers asked that John Lind. conclude that a change from the present Labor. Gompers asked that John Lind, method of control was necessary he would feel obliged to make his views the Governor to officially represent the State of the street car situation of the American Federation of the Americ State if the street car situation is con-sidered by Fedtral officials. The Gov-ernor gave out the full text of his reply

gram was submitted to the Safety Comon the subject. That he will ask Compress for legislation authorizing him to take over the roads is no longer questioned, and the concern of the railroad executives is directed to obtaining a plan that, in their opinion, will make the railroad securities.

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It was with this idea in mind that the railroad securities of the Railroad Wer Board, not having been invited to go over the legislation of the Railroad with an order adopted by a denartment of State government, after

compliance with an order adopted by a department of State government, after full hearing and with the understanding that it would willingly be complied with by both parties, and adouted for the turpose of preserving rublic peace, you will be pursuing a just and patriotic which will be of benefit to the course which will be of benefit to the activity of the whole front had been assured.

the ex-officio members.

The members of the board are not find to the White House in a belligent spirit. On the contrary, they are

which the President may feel is in furtherance of the main object of all at the present time, namely, to win the Minnesota labor leaders here to effect feel intervention in the proposed it which railroad executives particities of 28,000 men at Minnespolis and St. Paul Thursday morning to fur have present to the President a proved unsuccessful. Neither the War nor Labor department had decided to out unity of command, says:

"It is not likely that the three headed formers or less formal protest against the light to take action, and the conferences." nor Labor department had decided to-night to take action, and the conference between the labor men and Samuel Com-pers as chairman of the labor committee of the Council of National Defence was without tangible results. The confer-mand. America entered the war disinwithout tangible results. The confer-ence, however, will be continued to-mor-

SHIP BUILT IN 64 DAYS.

Encouraging Reports From Western Yards Reach Capital.

reports of the progress of shipbuilding operations in the West came to the Shipping Board to-day. A telegram from Seattle said the J. F. Duthic yard heunched a steel ship to day seventy-two days after the keel was laid and that the same yard would construct after the first of the year a ship every thirty days. The Skinner & Eddy plant at Seattle has completed a vessel within sixty-four days from the laying of the

SKATING ON PARK LAKES. Minimum of 15 Degrees To-day Is Predicted.

The prophets came a long distance from the bull's eye in their forecast calling for a temperature close to zero yes-terday. The mercury got no lower than 9, thus equalling the previous lowest rec for the date, Skating in Central ord for the date. Skaling in Central Park lake and other waters of the city began officially yesterday morning and may last some time, as freezing weather probably will continue through the week. The national forecasters predict a minitemperature of about 15 for this

The upper Hudson is freezing over their last trips for the year three days

JOHN D. FOR WAR Cash to Red Cross, Belgians, Y. M. C. A. and Loans.

Enter Circaheim Chemical Works at Pranktort-on-Main last month by an explorion was a tremendous disaster for Germany, which has been trying to conceal the details from the public. According to a statement issued by the British Press Bureau to-day the disaster for Germany was comparable to a serious military defeat, as it will be practically impossible to reconstruct the works during the war.

The factory covered fifty-four acres and turned out a great variety of products, among them sulphuric, nitric and other acids used in making high explosiven; aniline dyes in huge quantities, its poleon gases used extensively on the lattle fronts, and issued as management of synthetic or manufactured in the lattle fronts, and issued as management of synthetic or manufactured in the lattle fronts, and issued as management of synthetic or manufactured in the lattle fronts, and issued as management of synthetic or manufactured in the lattle fronts, and issued extensively on the lattle fronts, and issued extensively on the lattle fronts, and issued as management of synthetic or manufactured in the lattle fronts, and issued as manufactured in the lattle fronts of the first fronts and the lattle fronts and the first fronts are successed as the first first fronts and the first first first fronts and the first first first fronts and the first first first first fronts and the first first first fronts and the first first first first first first fronts and the first first first first first first fronts and the first first first first first first first first first fi Special Despatch to Tan Str

DEMAND GROWS FOR ONE LEADER OF ALLIED ARMY

Conditions Give Impetus to Agitation for a Supreme

Command.

Mistakes of Past Pointed To in Support of New War

MUST HAVE REAL UNITY

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved. Panis, Dec. 11 -The actual participa

tion of French and British troops with the Italian armies to stem the onrush BAGLEY SAVED of the Austro-German offensive, the relinquishment by the British of a part of their gains at Cambrat, the con-APPEAL TO WASHINGTON viction that the Allies must prepare to meet and defeat a new great German drive on the western front have given a renewed impetus to the agitation for a supreme single command of the allied

British, French and German official statements all agree that the artillery and the aerial corps are showing greatly increased activity of the kind which SIX SURVIVORS ON RAFT has nearly always presaged an impor-

Must Have Real Unity.

Despatches from the different fronts and editorial and critical articles in the must recognize that only by opposing real unity of command to the absolute real unity of command to the absolute strategical direction of Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. von Ludendorff, his chief of staff, can the superiority of the Allies in men and material be

offensive was purely British, that there is no evidence of any arrangement made for simultaneous pressure on the French front, where the only activity was a local attack near Verdun which was hot en a large enough scale to aid the British.

sian front might have been diverted, in part at least, from being thrown against Yield Marshal Haig if the French had been prepared to act on the moment, or if they were not ready the British opera-

terestedly, fighting for the ideals and principles of democracy. Unhampered by particular interests she has the clearest view. The powerful influence of her President, which has become the keystone of our coalition, makes the Entente see the necessity for unity of all efforts. On the seas a British high ad-miral, in economical direction an Amer-WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- Encouraging lean statesman, on land a French gen-

Rivalry Called Obstacle. The correspondent of the Temps with

the French and British armies in Italy tro-Germans on the Italian side, the French and British, One important question is yet unanswered; who will be in single command to put all the allied

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"Sun" Fund Night at the Claridge

DON'T forget this is SUN To bacco Fund night at the Claridge. You won't when you have read this partial list of entertainers and contributors who are to be there: Grace La Rue, Grace George, Vera Maxwell, Joan Sawyer, Raymond Hitch-cock, Hazel Allen, Leonora Hughes, Norman Trevor, Mar-jorie Vonnegut, Grace Field, Mrs. George Giddens and Nahan Franko and his orchestra. Caruso has given two autographed phonograph records, which will be among many val-uable things auctioned. Read

about it on page 5. Vera Maxwell, by the way, has sworn off riding in taxis. She is walking from her home to the Century every day now and going to give the money saved to the fund regularly each week.

This is patriotism, say we. Do your Christmas haberdash ery shopping at Lou Freedman's, 1606 Broadway. On every day clear up to Christmas eve the fund is to get a share of the gross receipts. Freedman's gross receipts.

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Predicts Germany's Collapse in 6 Months

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MSTERDAM, Dec. 11 .-- A pro-German Hollander, who has just returned here after a stay of several weeks in Ger-many, gives the Handelsblad a pessimistic report on conditions there. He declares the Germans cannot hold out more than six months longer.

If the war does continue longer.

he asserts, the whole nation wil become physical and mental wrecks. The focd of the people little better than that of pigs and the whole population is suf-fering severely in consequence. He saw three of his friends collapse from weakness and he will never forget, he says, the pitiful impression made upon him by the appearance of the German

BY SAILOR HERO

Commander of Destroyer Jones Picked Up Unconscious in Sea.

American Seaman Loses Life After Rescuing Noted Naval Officer.

BASE OF THE AMERICAN FLOTILLA IN Jones, which was recently torpedoed by a German submarine, was rescued by one of his scamen, who afterward died from injuries and exposure. The seaman, with six other members

The seaman, with six other members of the crew, was swimming toward a raft when he bumped into a floating object, which he thought was a bundle of clothes, but which proved to be Commander Bagley, with the fur collar of his great cont wrapped about his head. Bagley appeared to be almost unconscious.

Although suffering intensely himself Atthough suffering intensely himself from his injuries and the cold weather, the seaman caught held of the commander and with the assistance of his shipmakes, pulled him to the raft, where he soon revived. The seaman lowever, succumbed a few hours later and was buried at sea.

Hefore constening the dead seaman

practice. destroyer amidships, blowing the nations.

7 MORE ARE MISSING.

Vice- Idmiral Sims Adds to List of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Seven not previously known to have been aboard the torpedoed destroyer Jacob Jones were added to the destroyer's list of known missing in a despatch to the Navy Department to-night from Vice-Admiral Sims. The message also named four members of the crew who were not aboard when the ship was lost and five others not listed as missing and who cossibly had been transferred to another vessel before the Jones started on her

The number of missing enlisted men was given as sixty-five, or approximately the number given in egriler des-The seven added to the known dissing are: George F. H. Rogers, fireman, Low-

James Cummings, seaman, Kansas William T. Gifford, fireman, Dayton,

Henry J. La Combe, fireman, Hinck-Eugene J. Morgan, yeoman, Washington, D. C. James S. Fitzgerald, gunner's mate.

Leon J. Wetsel, seaman, Winona Minn. The four who were not aboard when the destroyer went down were Lillious F. Develbiss, gunner's mate: Jeremiah Downing, machinist's mate; Cornelius A.

ane, seaman, and James F. McManus. The five men who were on the latest muster roll of the Jacob Jones but not mentioned among the missings are; Thomas Emiliassen, gunner's mate; Proferick A. Marshall, seaman; Ralph Hanson Rogers, seaman; Emmett Ros-Lamar Snyder, gunner's mate.

CONGRESSMEN TO PAY EXCESS PROFITS TAX Crisp Gives Notice That Ex-

emption Will Be Removed.

Representatives will have to pay the excess tax which they placed on all other earned incomes of more than \$6,000 annually. A measure providing for repeal of the exemption which let them out when the bill passed instead on the House as soon as the other faults in the House as soon as the other faults in the war revenue bill are pointed out afficially by the Treasury Department, probably next week.

This was assured to-day when Representative Crisp of Georgia, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, announced on the floor that the committee would frame such a measure. It is expected to pass the House unanimously unless Rapresentative Kitchin maintains his opposition to it.

ALLIED CAUSE IS SENATE ORDERS DRASTIC IN DANGER, SAYS INQUIRIES INTO WAR WORK, COLL CHURCHILL COAL AND SUGAR SCARCITY

ing Premature Peace.

BALFOUR TELLS SECRET

Says Germany Made Bid to England Last September to End War.

LONDON, Dec. 11 .- Speaking at Bedford on the subject of the Allies' war aims yesterday. Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, Minister of Munitions, said that the situation was more serious than it had been reasonable three months ago to expect. The country and the silled cause, Col. Churchill added, were endangered. The future of the British Em-pire and of democratic civilization was hanging in the balance and would con-tinue to hang there for a considerable period

"When I say the country is passing through a time of danger," Col. Churchill continued, "I mean there are people who wish to bring about a premature peace. They are listening to the sophistries and dangerous counsel of certain politicians. People who say restate your war sims really mean to make near with the vierreally mean to make peace with the vic-

anything but the legitimate and right-cous aims with which we entered the war, and if such an issue as this were seriously raised it could be decided only by the whole nation. I cannot see that there is the slightest danger in submit-

Great Britain and America are fishing side by side the closer they will be

Former Premier Asquith, speaking at Birmingham to-day, asserted that if he bad to live ever the time again he still would take the same position he had arrived at with regard to Great Britain's entering the war. 'He added that he unhealtatingly believed it had been worth while, provided the war ended in a peace which secured the original purposes for entering upon it and contained the elements of permanegucy.

Interior aspuith, speaking at the campite the valley of the Don and other districts affected by the revolt.

I seems to believe seriously that the Germansance that the principal coal supply of the country is now contained by the Cossacks. In an interview to make a universal peace, such as Russia demanded. He was apparently greatly shocked when the Germans, in the population. Gen. Dutoff is described ments of permanegucy.

there he soon revived. The seaman however, succumbed a few hours later and was buried at sea.

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struck curing a peace guaranteed by a league of

after part of the vessel to pieces. Some fifty men engaged in that part of the ship were killed. The remaining members of the crew got away on rafts and in boats, in which they remained intil the next morning, when the rescue ship arrived.

to get into communication with Great
Britain in regard to peace.
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gest type what it describes as "Lloyd George's danger." It represents the Pre-

and the last rags of its representative character have dropped away. The war has driven a ploughed dyke across all ent Assembly have produced tangible the old boundaries and cut broad, deep evidence that the Russian people, to an new furrows of public opinion and pol-icy. The pacifists seem to be growing in present regime, which with the increas-of the city, the railway and the Russian numbers. Time is wearing away the loyalty of the Liberal Lloyd Georgeltes.

confidence that he would be victorious, depressed. The new view of Lenine and obtaining a decisive mandate and a long. Trotzky, which is developing rapidly, asperiod of unquestioned power.

POPE IN PEACE PLEA DEC. 23.

Important Pronunciamento to Car-COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11 .-- A Geneva despatch to the Vossische Zeilung says that on receiving the Cardinals on December 23 the Pope will deliver an important

nunciamento on the question of peace. MISS STINSON FLIES 610 MILES. Creates New Non-Stop Record in 9 Hours 10 Minutes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Doc. 11 .- Miss Kathfor airplane flights when she arrived proving feeling between Russis and the proving the distance of 610 miles in 9 hagen despatch which states that Petrohere late to-day from San Diego, cov-ering the distance of 610 miles in 8 hours and 10 minutes. Miss Stinson suffered somewhat from the cold, due to the high altitude at

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Senators and Representatives will have to pay the excess tax which they placed on all other earned incomes of more than miles was made by Miss Ruth Law on miles was made by Miss Ruth Law on Chieff and the control of the contr Hornell, N. .Y.

PANAMA WARS ON AUSTRIA. Canal - Zone Now Wholly Cleared

British Empire's Future Is GERMAN TERMS REVOLT GROWS SHOCK LENINE FAST IN RUSSIA

London More Hopeful as Bolshevik Organ Hints War's Renewal.

Wheat for 15 Years and Free Entry for Wares.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved. LONDON, Dec. 11 .- The variety of developments regarding Russia justify the press of Russia, which is practically the official press, toward England and France has been notably more moderate; "The British do not mean to put up terness of Anglo-French hostility to the

The reasons for these developments terms, submitted during the armistice there is the stightest danger in submit-ting that question to the free decision of the whole nation.

"President Wilson's statement of war conquered territory in the east, shall con-Base of the American Floridia in aims is good enough for me. We mean trol exclusively the Russian wheat crops to will the war, however long it may for fifteen years and shall enjoy unretake. If Russia has failen out of the stricted privileges in the Russian mar-American torpedo boat destroyer Jacob ranks the United States has fallen in stricted privileges in the Ruesian markets for German goods for a long period

Won't Sacrifice Sovereignty.

The acceptance of such terms would amount to a sacrifice of Russian sovereignty, the disintegration of the nation and the beginning of a complete

White House and asked that the opportunity be given them to discuss the matical part of this board are Pairfax Harrison. Howard Elliott, Hale Holden, Julius Kruttschnitt and Samuel Rea.

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The German papers also are command among the Allies, Der Tag says: "Among our enemies, despite an abundance of the Marquis of Lauston of the Council of National Defence are ex-officio members.

The members of the board are not ready the British operation under a sinule command could have been delayed until the coordination of the content of the members of the Marquis of Lauston of the Lenine and Trotzky regime to the wife were criticism of the Allies. Mr. Asquith said the cold and the suffering of the adistress eignals, but it soon became as distress eignals, but it soon became then and desires of the Allies.

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again. The disposition toward a rapprochement between Russia and the western allies has been encouraged by the moderate utterances of the British and French ambassadors in Petrograd, where the British Embassy particularly

The Foreign Minister same.

The Foreign Minister same the communication, stating that she had informed tion, stating that she had informed France, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States of the German suggestion.

While neither England nor France has yet recognized the Lenine regime or even the de facto government of Russia, nevertheless, it is pointed out to-day in nevertheless, it is pointed out to-day in nevertheless, it is pointed out to-day in nevertheless. unofficial quarters, the western allies never have committed themselves ab-solutely to a refusal to recognize the mier's position as threatened by the Lenine government under any circum-growing strength of his enemies in the House of Commons, adding:

"Parliament is weary and worn out."

was impossible to recognize it until they were convinced that it reasonably rep-

sumes that they are by no means supine tools of Germany and prefer to carry on the war rather than accept the humiliating German terma. Evidence is accumulating from many sources that the Lenine leadership is determined to make no peace unless the Germans agree approximately to the status before

Germans Break Pledge.

Meantime, however, such transfers are proceeding rapidly. Lenine, it is redemocracies greatly threatened unless Russia withdraws from the armistice Further evidence of the rapidly im-

grad positively denies a report that the Bolsheviki have decided to repudiate the Russian foreign loans. Other despatches from neutral points say the Petrograd Soviet, or Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, has deciared the Government will not conclude an ar-mistice or peace on terms injurious either to Russia or to her allies. made by Miss Ruth Law on A Vienna despatch coming through r 19, 1916, between Chicago and Amsterdam says it is believed there that the ten day commation of hostilities in Russia will give the Central Empires

time for an extensive troop movement to the west. Berlin and Vienna are confi-dent that after this period a complete armistice with Russia will be concluded PANAMA, Dec. 11.—Panama declared of war on Austria-Hungary yesterday. The Government, in cooperation with the Canal Zone authorities, is interning Austrians.

The sone has now been cleared of Germans and Austrians, in accordance with President Wilson's secent order,

Orders Trenches Lenine Stripped to Wage War on the Cossacks.

BERLIN LIKE CONQUEROR SERIOUS MOSCOW RIOTS

Demands Captured Land, Chinese Troops at Harbin to Prevent Seizure of Manchurian Railway.

I.ONDON, Dec. 12.—A Renter despatch from Petrograd, dated Monday, says she "Pravda," the official Bolshevik newspaper, announces the first collision between the Maximalist troops much more hopeful attitude observable and from 5.000 to 4.000 troops under in British Government circles to-day. Gen. Korniloff, armed with machine For some time the tone of the Leninist miles from Bielgorod, in the Don Cossack region of southern Russia.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the

Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved are not difficult to find. Germany's Gen. Korntloff, former commander in dered. They were: chief, and Gen. Kaledin, hetman of the Don Cossacks, gaining more recruits. large forces of Bolshevik troops are be ing detached from the western Russian front to be sent against the new leaders. There is reason to believe that the ostile forces now assembled in the

southern and eastern parts of Russia have caused serious concern in Bolshevik circles here. A manifesto dealing with the Cossack movement practically announces the outbreak of civil war and proclaims a state of siege in the Urals, the vailey of the Don and other districts affected by the revolt.

mounted quick firing guns on the roofs of houses in Rostov-on-Don to terrorize the population. Gen. Dutoff is described the country almost five years ago. as committing various acts of violence and oppressen in the Ural region.

A telegram has been received in official guarters here stating that the German officers at the front are indignantly

contrary, it is proposed to continue the army contrevolutionary propaganda among the vestigated. German troops during the armistics. COSSACKS MOBILIZING.

London, Dec. 11—Among the forces commanded by Gen. Korniloff, who is directing the military end of the revolt against the Bolsheviki, are three carloads of Cossacks, who are reported at litelgored and three at Sumy. Gen. Kaledin is said to be disbanding infantry regiments in the Don region, the men of which hold extremist views, and sending them home. Not far from Petrograd, at Shlobin, near Mohilev, a "battallon of death," composed of women troops, met and defeated a Boisheviki force. The Boisheviki are reported to have called troops from the Caucaus. In Moscow the situation is said to be serious. Sharp street fighting has occurred there and the Swedish Consult has advised all Swedes to leave the city; most of them have done so. With gorod and Sumy. city; most of them have done so.

the cutting off of supplies from Siberia

Chinese Troops at Harbin. The Soviet of Harbin, Manchurta, has It only requires an occasion and an old negotiations, brings the possibility into protested against this action and deparliamentary hand to throw down the sight that the Lenine Government will support Gen. Hervath, the Government."

The Express urges a speedy appeal to Assembly meets, it is able to maintain troops have arrived at Harbin to protect

the country. It exhorts the Premier to itself.

It is known that the Russian delegation in the people has found expression and lead the masses against the tion entrusted with the armistice negoting among the people has found expression in a letter addressed to the Council pacifiets and inefficients. It expresses. The new view of Lenine and of National Commissioners which contains a threat to dynamite the Smoiny
Institute, headquarters of the Bolsheviki
in Petrograd at moon next Thursday if
the Soldiers' and Workmen's Deputtes
do not deprive the Commissioners of
their authority. The letter is signed by
the "members of the fighting organization." the "members of the fighting organiza-

"The second sitting of the Constitution of the Feedbard of the Feedbard Commissaries. There were present no fewer than 400 members.

LENINE."

To-night Senator Wadsworth said:
"It is the spirit of gettins at the facts and the reasons why our troops in cantonments after the United States has been nearly nine months at war are still

The message also was stened by Utilnky, commissary for elections to the Assembly." and by "Gouseff, socretary to
the military revolutionary committee."

the military revolutionary committee." Appended is the following:
"To all executive comm
diers' and Workmen's D

German Pledge Not Binding.

M. Kameneff, chief of the Bolsheviki delegates sent to negotiate an armistice with the Germans, said on his return nothing of blankets, was just beginning from Brest-Litovs's that the official ses- to appear sions of the delegates were followed by a semi-official exchange of views, at which the Germans finally agreed not to Kameneff admitted, however, that this was not binding.

A representative of the British Em-

Wide Range for Army Probe Covering All Phases of Delay.

FIRST HEARING TO-DAY

Will Dig Deep Into Fuel and Food Adminis-

trations. NEW DRAFT BILL PUT IN

"Pitiless Publicity" Is Motto of Legislators Who Seek Facts About Conditions.

Special Desputch to Tun Sch. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- The Senate has determined to turn on the light. After a week of balting preliminaries and furtive suggestions that some of the activities of the Executive branch of the Government warrant a closer scrutiny than mere offhand observation the new spirit of Congress manifested PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.-As the revolt uself to-day in the sudden determinaigainst the Bolshevikt grows, attaining tion to investigate at once. Within two greater proportions in the south, with hours three investigations had been or-

An investigation of the military situation as to ordnance, supplies and general conditions in the camps and

cantonments by the Committee on Military Affairs. An investigation of the sugar shortage by the Senate Committee on Manufactures, ordered by the Senate in response to a resolution by Senator Lodge (Massachusetts).

An investigation of the entire coal situation with a special investigation of the conduct and components of the Fuel Administration, which was embodied slong with the sugar probe in the Lodge proposal. The Senate's action was taken to mark the snapping of legislative patience at the protraction of the season of Executive secretiveness and is regarded in Washington as the first demand for that

"pitiless publicity" which was promised

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. the inquiry probably would cover a wide protesting against the distribution among the inquiry probably would cover a wide their troops of revolutionary leaflets tange. Questions of shortages of cloth-advocating a democratic peace. There is ing for the National Army, health, deno disposition in official quarters here to sympathize with this complaint. On the ficiencies in rifles and field ordnance and no disposition in outcast quarter. On the ficiencies in rines and neig ordinance and sympathize with this complaint. On the army contracts, he said, would be in-

"The purpose of the committee is not

to criticise but to secure information."

said Senator Chamberlain. Gen. Kerniloff Has Troops at Biels been some complaints, covering many army matters, and we desire to look

Navy Department and the Shipping Board and other war time agencies are forecast. All the investigations, it is reported, will be to speed up American plans and to provide greater efficiency.

because of the opposition of the Presi-dent. Inquiries into the activities of the Navy Department and the Shipping

War Inquiry Begins at Once. The investigation into the War Denent will be started to-morrow, Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance. will appear at Secretary Baker's direc-tion to testify on ordinance manufacture and supply before the Senate committee. Secretary Baker is acheduled to follow and field commanders will come after him. Most of the testimony will be taken in executive session and will be confidential, although portions will be given to the public

make no peace unless the Germans ton."

A Russian Government wireless mesters with no troops to be transferred from the eastern to the western to the wester fewer than 400 members. LENINE.

No news of the first sitting of the Constituent Assembly has as yet been really nine months at war are still possessed of only, about 20 per cent of the necessary rifes. Seeminally, and I speak from personal observation of only five of the thirty-two cantenments, there Appended is the following:

"To all executive committees of Soldiers and Workmen's Deputies and Peasants" Deputies: Telegram to all shortage was spendily being corrected but at the same time it was already well.

Food Supplies Are Good.

into the winter, and the men in the can-

"Of the food supply of the soldier one cannot speak in too high terms. The food supply is of superior quality and ample quantity and the men like it, and full bassy called in an unofficial capacity on
Leon Trotzky. Bolshevik Foreign Minister, and attempted to reach an agreement in regard to the situation which has resulted from the detailed. ment in regard to the situation which are not prepared to anticipate an an-has resulted from the detaining of Russian extremists in England and the re-sian extremists in England and the re-taliatory action of the Bolsheviki in re"But in ordnance there are questions" fusing to permit Englishmen to leave which must be answered. The machine this country. It was said at the British gun sections of the new National Arms Embassy that no definite arrangement have yet to see a machine gun. This have yet to see a machine gun. This may not be true of every cantonment